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1. The news that two Latvian fishing boats, one commanded by A. Tuklers and a second one by A. Kairis, successfully escaped [REDACTED] and that those members of the crews who applied were granted asylum [REDACTED] was received by captains of Soviet merchant vessels through the official "Secret Circular", which they receive from the State Shipping Administration.¹ The news of the escapes was given as an example to remind captains that there are people who wish to escape abroad, and that captains should strengthen their "socialistic vigilance" to insure that such things do not occur on the ships of which they are in command.
2. The news of the escapes reached the ordinary public through foreign broadcasts, was spread from person to person, and is now common knowledge.

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1 [REDACTED] Comment: This is probably a reference to the Ministry of Sea and River Fleet or one of its components.

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